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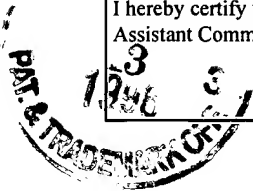
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In the application of:

L.M. SMITH et al.

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TECHNIQUE

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Dear Sir:

The references listed below are submitted for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application and are therefore disclosed herewith in compliance with the applicants' duty of disclosure as defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. These references are also listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Applicants would appreciate the Examiner's initialing this form and returning it to the undersigned.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c), Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent No. 4,667,025 to Miyoshi et al. (filed 10/24/85; issued 05/19/87). The Examiner is requested to note that U.S. Patent Nos. 4,820,812 (the '812 patent) and 4,789,737 (the '737 patent) are related divisional and continuation applications respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 4,667,025.

Accordingly, the disclosures of the '812 and '737 patents are cumulative to U.S. Patent No. 4,667,025. Therefore, copies of the '812 and '737 patents are not included herewith. Applicants also note that the Laid-Open publication of the corresponding Japanese application (JP 59-93100) was disclosed to the PTO on July 11, 1995.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c), Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent No. 4,605,735 to Miyoshi et al. (filed 02/09/84; issued 08/12/86). The Examiner is requested to note that U.S. Patent No. 4,849,336 is a related divisional application. Accordingly, the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 4,849,336 is cumulative to U.S. Patent No. 4,605,735. Therefore, a copy of the U.S. Patent No. 4,849,336 is not included herewith.

U.S. Patent No. 4,375,401 to Catsimpoolas (filed 05/20/81; issued 03/01/83).

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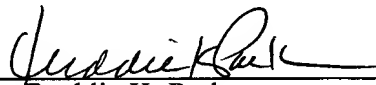
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Applicants authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge any fee required for this submission to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952 (Our reference No. 24313-20001.05)**. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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